

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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	Byron Merrell et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/767,838	) Art Unit
		) 1764
Filed:	January 29, 2004	)
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Confirmation No.:	2983	)
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For:	RETORT HEATING APPARATUS	)
	AND METHODS	)
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Examiner:	Alexis A. Wachtel	)

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.